

THE LEDGER.

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No. 11 Harper Block, Mexican City.

Eld. Jos. Bryan is home on a
visit.

Miss Holliday is home from
Wellsville.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. L.
Crawford, a son.

County Court meets the first
Monday in February.

Circuit Court is now in session
and will likely continue through
next week.

The harness makers of Mexico
are arranging to advertise exten-
sively this spring.

J. R. Jones, of Centralia, was
badly hurt by the cars, near Hig-
ginsville, this week.

Col. Turner, a prominent attor-
ney of Columbia, is in Mexico this
week attending court.

We notice from our dispatches
that the United States Senate is op-
posed to war with Chili.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilkins
spent Sunday with the former's pa-
rents near Santa Fe.

Aged jacks sold in Columbia at
the big sale last week all the way
from \$700 to \$1300.

The Wade-Ringo trial is set for
next Friday. It will be vigorously
fought by both sides.

Mrs. Capt. Dix has moved to Mex-
ico to reside permanently with her
daughter, Miss Texas Crane.

Resources, a horse paper pub-
lished in Lincoln, Neb., contains a
splendid cut of Robert Rysdyk.

Joe Brown sold to Levi Winn
167 acres of land without any build-
ings on it, 15 miles southwest of
Mexico, for \$4000.

An electric railway is to be built
between St. Louis and Chicago.
Trains on this road will go at the
rate of 100 miles an hour.

A. B. Daniel, Jr., of near
Thompson Station, this week killed
a five months old pig which weighed
200 pounds. Who can beat it?

Mr. Daniel Galbreath, of Worces-
ter, died of grip last week. Mr.
Galbreath was one of Andrain's
oldest and most respected citizens.

A Missouri express car was en-
tered by two highway robbers at
Lamar, Mo., Friday night. The
thieves were shot while trying to es-
cape.

Robert Hepler, who murdered
Mrs. Goodley and two children in
Barton county last week, was taken
out of jail at Nevada, Mo., and
hanged.

J. N. Starr and E. E. Mabry, of
Carroll county, Virginia, are the
guests of Mr. John Mabry, just
southeast of town. They will like-
ly remain here.

Norman J. Colman and Prof.
Treece, of St. Louis, sent a couple
of fine Irish setters up to Billie Mc-
Intyre to be trained. A check for
\$500 came payable to the trainer.

Wm. H. Brown is making ar-
rangements to move to Mexico to re-
side. He is a genial gentleman and
a first-class business man, and will
be welcomed to Mexico.

In this issue of the LEDGER will
be found the card of Mrs. L. K.
Dugdon, counselor at law, stenog-
rapher and notary public. Office,
three doors east of Harper block.

There will be services at Beaver
Dam church on the first Sunday in
February by the Baptists. Services
at Cedar Grove on the second Sun-
day in February conducted by the
Methodists.

Eld. Cook, of Moberly, will preach
at Liberty Church, near Thompson
Station, during next year, beginning
the first of February. Eld. Cook
has a reputation of being one of the
ablest preachers in the State.

Judge Samuel Harrison, of Aux-
vase, called to-day and paid up for
his LEDGER. The Judge said he
was glad of the way the Chili affair
was about to turn out and thought
his "cousin," the President, had
been a little too hasty in the matter
of trying to force a war.

On the 16th day of February the
A. O. U. W. order of this city will
give a pleasing public entertain-
ment. There will be short speeches
by the members of the order and a
large audience is anticipated. The
committee on arrangements is com-
posed of A. J. Wincoff, J. T. Bun-
ton and S. C. Baskin.

Murder at Martinsburg.

An Unnatural Son Brains
His Father with a
Hatchet.

Thomas Martin Killed in His
Own House Because He
Refused to Give His
Son Money.

THE INHUMAN PARRICIDE FLEES
FROM THE SCENE OF HIS
DREAFFUL DEED
AND ESCAPES.

The Dead Body Robbed Before the
Breath Leaves It—The Murderer
Coolly Washes the Blood
Stains from His Hands—
Officers in Pursuit.

What Mrs. Martin Says.

One of the most bloody murders
ever committed in Andrain county
was enacted at Martinsburg Tuesday
night. Jethro Martin murdered his
old father, Thomas Martin, in cold
blood. The murderer was either crazy
or the most heartless wretch that ever
lived. Born of Christian parents,
raised by a minister of the gospel, a
son slays his aged father in his own
house. The deed was evidently done
with a hammer or hatchet.

At 8 o'clock Tuesday night Sheriff
Adams received a telegram to come
to Martinsburg at once; that Jethro
Martin had killed his father. Mr.
Adams immediately left for that
place in company with Coroner
Clarence Rothwell.

On arriving at the home a terrible
scene met their eyes. The poor old
body of Thomas Martin, one of Au-
drain's well-to-do citizens, lay on the
floor of his house, cold in death.
The murderer had done his work
well and made good his escape,
still being at large.

Mr. Thomas Martin was an old
gentleman, aged about 64 years; had
been married twice, the last time
being in St. Louis only a few years
since. By his first wife he had four
children—two girls and two boys.
The latter's names are Simon, who
is some forty years old, and Jethro,
who is about 24 or 25. Mr. Martin
was ordained a Missionary Baptist
preacher, but followed tilling the
soil more than preaching the gospel.
He was considered a straightforward,
upright man, respected highly in
the community and was well off,
owning land near Martinsburg and
property in the "burg."

Jethro and his father, it seems,
got along ill together. It is reported
he often cursed his father and had
treated him wrongfully. Jethro
is said to be a smooth trader in
stock, but otherwise was not exceed-
ingly bright. He has been farming
near Martinsburg at intervals during
his life. He spent some of his time
in St. Louis. He would never take
advantage of schooling oppor-
tunities very readily.

WHAT MRS. MARTIN SAYS.

Mrs. Martin testified at the Cor-
oner's inquest this morning about the
following facts: I am Mrs. Emma
Martin, the second wife of Thomas
Martin, deceased. He was 64 years
old and had four children by his first
wife. Two of them live in Andrain
county, Simon Martin and Emma
Wilburn. I was at home last night
with my husband shortly before he
was murdered. Jethro was also with
us. He had some photographs of a
plover which he was trying to get a
patent on. He was talking about the
photos. Martin wanted to know
what he was going to do. He said
he did not know what to do unless
he had some money. Said he was
not able to work. My husband pro-
posed to get him a place in town
where he could rest and regain his
health, as it was somewhat impair-
ed. He said that when spring opened
he had 40 acres of land that Je-
thro could help clear up, but he said
he could not give him any money.
Jethro did not tell him whether he
would accept this proposition or not.
Before my husband made the above
proposition he offered Jethro \$5
which he would not accept unless he
could give him more. Before I left
I said to my husband, "let me say
something," and I said, "do you
think after you have helped Jethro
he will do any better?" and Jethro
replied, "what have you got to do
with it?" My husband then said to
me, "don't you two fuss." I said
I would not fuss and got my shawl
and went over to Mr. Cornett's.
During this conversation my hus-
band and I were in the southwest
room and Jethro was in the north-
west room and the door was open
between us. But when Mr. Martin
said, "don't quarrel," he shut the
door and I opened it when I went af-
ter the shawl to leave. There was
no fire in the northwest room, but a
fire in the kitchen, which is the
southwest room. Mr. Martin and

Jethro quarreled a great deal about
money matters. My husband had
\$200 hanging in the closet in the
southwest room. I had a \$5 bill in
my pocket book, which was in a
drawer in the northwest room, also
\$3.55 in silver. My husband also
had a gold watch and chain on his
person, which was taken with the
money. I left and went over to Mr.
Cornett's the second time and stay-
ed a few minutes. I then got back
to the house and walked down the
walk to see if there was a light in the
kitchen and there was. The blinds
were down, which was something
unusual. I then went back to Mr.
Cornett's again and it was thirty
minutes before I returned, and I
did not have come back then if I
had not seen a light in the front
room. I looked in to see, under the
curtain, and saw Jethro standing by
the organ looking through the al-
bum. There were three pictures in
the album of Jethro. He took two
of them with him when he left. I
then went to the west window in
the northwest room and it was dark
and I looked through the key hole
and then returned to the window
and looked and Jethro had gone.
It was about two minutes
from the time I left this window un-
til I returned to it. I then went to
Mr. Cornett's house and asked him
if Mr. Martin had been there and he
replied "no." Then I went to Mr.
Tweed's, the Mayor, and got him to
come to my house and make Jethro
leave. In ten minutes we returned
to the house. Mr. Tweed went in at
the front door, then went into the
southwest room, taking a light in
his hand. When he opened the door
we saw the body of my hus-
band lying on the floor on his back
with his head crushed in. His
head was to the west and his feet
toward the east, pointing to the
kitchen. This door was shut. A
chair was on each side of the body.
No injuries were on the body, but
the skull was mashed in several
places. There was a hole in the
skull as large as a 25-cent piece.
There were several wounds on the
head. There was a towel hang-
ing in the kitchen which was
bloody, probably having been used
by the murderer in washing his
hands after he had committed the
crime. There was also a bottle of
wine on the shelf which had been
emptied by Jethro, evidently after
he had killed his father. He took
his father's shoes from his feet and
left his old ones and a pair his
father had recently given him.

Jethro was only crazy on certain
subjects. He seemed to be afraid
some one was going to poison him.
He would pump his own water to
drink and wanted to cook his own
food.

He said his own mother, during
her life time, wanted to poison him,
but this is untrue.

Mrs. Martin said her husband
always told her never to stay around
where Jethro was. It is quite likely
the absence of Mrs. Martin at the
time of the killing is the only rea-
son she did not meet her death at
the time of her husband's.

After the villain slayed his father
he picked up a bottle of wine that
sat on the mantel and drank heartily
and then put the empty phial
back all covered with blood. He
then washed his hands and made
his escape. This is horrible to
think of and indescribable.

The officers are after Martin and
he will surely be caught shortly. He
is thought to have boarded a freight
at Wellsville last night.

MARTIN IN MEXICO.

On Sunday night Jethro Martin
walked into Null's Hotel in this city
and taking a lead pencil from his
pocket wrote on the register in a
hand that is hard to decipher the
following autograph:

"Martin, Martinsburg."

He then turned to Mr. Null and
said, with a simple grin on his
countenance: "Give me a bed; I've
got the grip." This was about 7
p. m. Mr. Null says he thought
the young man appeared rather
strange, but the proprietor showed
him to his room. Monday morn-
ing he was called for breakfast but
would not get up. He was left
alone until about 11 o'clock, when
he arose of his own accord, dressed
and came down stairs. He told
Mr. Null he wanted water and noth-
ing but water. After being handed
a glass he went to the well back of
the house and pumped himself a
drink. All who were around the
house noticed his queer actions.
Mr. Null said he was surely wrong.
He stayed around the house, going
up town and returning and acting in
an insane manner. He refused to
eat any dinner—in fact, he ate noth-
ing while at the hotel, which he
met Mr. C. C. Wilburn, who
has known him since a child. Mar-
tin exchanged a few remarks with
him and Mr. Wilburn says he did
not have much to say to him as
he seemed bothered.

Mr. Wilburn told a reporter this
morning that he has been well ac-
quainted with Jethro Martin for
years; that he was always consid-
ered not overly bright. Mr. Wilburn
says the report circulated around
town that Martin was severely flog-
ged in Martinsburg recently for un-
gentlemanly remarks about a lady
is erroneous; but that he under-
stands Martin's brother was given
a whipping for something of the
kind.

Jethro Martin is a young man,

apparently 23 years old, medium
size, with a delicate moustache, other-
wise clean shaven.

The inquest on the dead body of
Mr. Martin was not completed this
morning.

Another Account of the Murder.

MARTINSBURG, Mo., Jan. 27.—
Last evening the falling shades of
night but imperfectly veiled the
scene of a horrible murder. It was
between the hours of 6 and 7 that an
unnatural son of Thomas Martin,
preacher, cripple and in his way
philanthropist, fell upon the old
man and beat his brains out. The
purpose was plunder. Jethro is the
name of the son who did the act.

The father and his good wife had
eaten their evening meal and the
former was sitting by the fire while
the old lady busied herself with her
evening cares in the kitchen. The
son came in in a surly mood. From
his actions he had evidently made
up his mind to do the act which
later startled the community. He
at once began quarrelling with his
father and used such abusive terms
that Mrs. Martin became frightened
and went to the home of a neigh-
bor, "Uncle Billy" Cornett, and
remained nearly an hour. Think-
ing then that Jethro had left and all
was peaceful, the good old woman
went back to her home. Seeing a
light, she peeped into the window,
but was startled to find that her
husband was not in sight. No way
that she could turn her eyes could
she catch a glimpse of her husband.
Jethro was nervously and hurriedly
overturning articles of furniture and
rummaging in drawers and other
receptacles. He was evidently
searching for something of value,
undoubtedly money. Mrs. Martin
was horrified. Tremblingly and
with haste, she ran back to the house
of the neighbor. She called for
help and soon a crowd reached the
house, but the son was gone.
Thomas Martin was lying on the
floor with his head all mangled and
crushed; the brains were on the car-
pet and his blood bespattered
the walls and furniture. The body
was nearly cold, as the deed had
been done a full half hour before.
The weapon used was not found,
but from the appearance of the head,
with the gray locks all dabbled and
matted with blood and brains, a
hammer or other blunt tool was
used.

A posse started after the fiend
with the determination to capture
or kill him. He has not yet (4 p. m.)
been found. Evidences would point
to the theory that Jethro Martin
hurried to Wellsville on foot and at
the coal chute there took a freight
train for St. Louis.

UNION PICKUPS.

Correspondence of the Ledger.

Union, Mo., Jan. 24.—Several
in this vicinity are down with the
grip.

Thos. Waters and wife, of St.
Louis, are visiting at R. A. Byrns'.
T. A. McIntire, J. S. Atkins and
Fred Brand sold to Wallace & Co.
their fat hogs, last week, for \$3.50
per hundred.

Frank James and John Atkins
sold to John Lane 20 fat hogs at
\$4.50 dressed.

Wonder what's the matter with
the Free Silver cranks in the F. &
L. U.? We heard they voted down
a free silver resolution at their
county meeting last week. Perhaps
they have come to the conclusion
that free silver alone won't save
the country, after all.

We understand W. H. McIntire
is a candidate for Road Overseer in
districts 1, 2 and 3. Billy would
make a good supervisor, and we
think the voters could make no mis-
take in electing him.

School keeps just the same.
This is a one-man district. The
patrons know what they want and
they are going to have it.

Clarence McIntire, of Shamrock,
visited home-folks last week. We
understand he is thinking of travel-
ing for a St. Louis house in the
spring.

The wheat crop in this vicinity is
not looking very well, and many
farmers are predicting a small yield
next year.

Who.

Resolutions of Respect by Giant Lodge
A. H. T. A.

WHEREAS, The great Ruler of
the universe has, in His infinite
wisdom, removed from our midst
our worthy and esteemed fellow
laborer, Dr. F. B. Robinson; and

WHEREAS, The intimate relation
held during a long business life by
him with the members of this lodge
makes it fitting that we record our
appreciation of him; therefore,

Resolved, That the wisdom and
ability which he has exercised in aid
of our lodge work by counsel, service
and funds will be held in grateful
remembrance.

Resolved, That the sudden re-
moval of such a man from our
lodge and of which he has held posi-
tions in both of which he has held posi-
tions for years, leaves a vacancy and
shadow that will be deeply realized
by all members of the lodge and its
friends, and will prove a grievous
loss to our neighbors and the public.

Resolved, That with deep sym-
pathy with the afflicted relatives and
friends of the deceased we express
an earnest hope that even so great a
bereavement may be overruled by
their highest good.

Resolved, That a copy of this be
recorded on our Secretary's book of
the A. H. T. A. and also sent to the
members of the bereaved family.

J. H. FAUCETT,
J. R. HAYS,
J. F. MILLER,
Committee.

FARMERS IN SESSION.

The Andrain County F. & L. U.—An
Enthusiastic and Harmonious
Meeting.

The Andrain County Farmers' &
Laborers' Union convened in regu-
lar quarterly session in the Court
House at Mexico January 22, 1892.

The Union in due form, president
B. F. James, Sr., in the chair.

R. N. West, W. J. Crow and J.
W. Middleton were appointed a com-
mittee on credentials.

R. L. Day, B. O. Sims and T. A.
McIntyre were appointed a com-
mittee on resolutions.

The rest of the forenoon was spent
in preliminary work.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The most of the afternoon session
was spent in receiving reports from
delegates to district and various com-
mittees.

The report of the investigating
committee was especially interest-
ing. The report showed that the
self-sacrificing labors of this commit-
tee have not been in vain. We will
mention only one feature: The re-
port showed that the assessment of
1891 covered \$265,000 worth of
bonds and money more than the pre-
ceding year. This is suggestive and
the work of the committee meets the
approval of every honest citizen of
the county, whether he belongs to
the order or not. The committee
was continued despite their many
excuses, and like good soldiers, they
readily acquiesced to the will of their
co-workers.

The secretary of the Insurance As-
sociation made a report of the work
done during the past three months,
which showed a steady growth of the
association.

A new road committee was ap-
pointed, consisting of Henry Weber,
W. G. Sims and Wm. Smith.

In response to an invitation by
the Andrain Fair Association to have
a committee appointed by the Coun-
ty F. & L. U. to meet with the direc-
tors of said association on the 8th of
February, 1892, to assist in making
out a premium list, the following
brothers were appointed: P. M. Mor-
ris, of Pleasant Valley Union, chair-
man; S. G. Richards, of Saling Union,
and Thos. A. McIntyre, of Union
Union.

The investigating committee were
instructed in regard to the collection
of merchants' tax.

The following resolutions were, af-
ter discussion, adopted by a large
majority:

Resolved, By the Andrain County
F. & L. U., now assembled,

First, that we heartily indorse the
action of Gov. D. R. Francis in call-
ing a special session of the Legisla-
ture to re-district the State and to re-
build the State University.

Second, that we heartily condemn
his action in refusing to recommend
a reduction of special charges; also
the Assessor's Seal Law.

Third, that the Secretary be re-
quired to forward a copy of these
resolutions to the Governor immedi-
ately.

After considerable discussion the
Union, by a close vote, decided to
send two delegates to the St. Louis
Conference of Labor Organizations
on the 22nd of February.

EVENING SESSION.

The Union convened in open ses-
sion at 7:30 p. m. to hear Bro. G.
W. Drinkard, District Organizer of
the First Congressional District.
Bro. McIntyre presided over the
meeting. After a short and pointed
speech by Bro. I. J. Sims, Bro.
Drinkard spoke at length upon the
merits of the order. His speech
was well received by a large audi-
ence of members and visitors.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The morning session was spent in
regulating the business affairs of the
Union. Among other things a 10c
per capita levee was made to defray
county expenses.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Union opened in due form.
Bro. Hughes' resignation as County
Business Agent was read and ac-
cepted.

The Union proceeded to elect
another to fill out the unexpired
term. S. G. Richards was unani-
mously elected.

By motion the Union proceeded
to elect delegates to the St. Louis
Conference. The election resulted
in choosing Bros. I. J. Sims and
Thos. A. McIntyre as delegates and
Bros. S. O. Wright and John C.
Woods as alternates.

Bro. Dudley, of Thompson, pre-
sented resolutions touching the State
University and Agricultural College.

After being amended the resolu-
tions were adopted as follows:

Resolved, First, That we, the Au-
drain county F. & L. U., in
convention assembled, request our
representatives to the State Legisla-
ture to use all honorable means to
defeat any appropriation for rebuild-
ing the State University, but in lieu
thereof advocate the using of the
money given by the last Legislature
as an endowment fund.

Second, That they are earnestly
requested to use every effort to have
the Board of Curators, the manage-
ment and the organization of the
Agricultural College entirely sepa-
rate from that of the State University
and that, if possible, the location of
the Agricultural College be removed
from Columbia.

The following was also passed:

Resolved, That the F. & L. U. of
Andrain county, Mo., are of the
opinion that the citizens of Columbia
are indirectly responsible for the
burning of the State University at
Columbia by not providing the prop-
erty means to prevent such destruc-
tion of property by fire, thereby en-
tailing a great loss upon the citizens
of the State.

For place of next meeting two
places were put in nomination—Mo-
ino and Cedar Grove. Cedar Grove

was chosen for next meeting, fourth
Friday and Saturday in April.

Bro. J. W. Middleton outlined a
plan that he thought would greatly
increase efficient work in our county
Unions.

The work of the County Canvass-
ers was heartily endorsed and the
committee requested to make pro-
vision for meetings as soon as
possible at places not heretofore
named by the committee and at other
places where the meetings had failed
on account of the inclement
weather or on account of lack of
speakers.

The following resolutions touching
the work of the State Board of Equal-
ization were adopted:

WHEREAS, Under the provisions of
section 8, article 10 of the State con-
stitution, whenever the total valua-
tion of taxable property in the State
shall reach \$900,000,000, the State
Revenue Tax shall be reduced from
20 cents on the \$100 valuation to 15
cents; and whereas, the assessment
for 1892 passes the constitutional
point; and whereas, in order to meet
a probable shortage in the State
Treasury it has been suggested that
the State Board of Equalization at
its meeting in February reduce the
assessment of the State below the
constitutional point by which means
the present rate of 20 cents shall be
maintained; therefore,

Resolved, By the Andrain county
F. & L. U. in regular meeting as-
sembled, that we, as taxpayers, enter
an earnest protest against such pro-
ceedings on the part of the State
Board of Equalization and respect-
fully insist that the constitutional
provision be obeyed in spirit as well
as in letter.

Resolved, Further, that a copy of
this resolution be sent to the State
Board of Equalization and that
copies be furnished the local papers
for publication.

Fifty-eight members of the county
Union were present, representing the
following named twenty-five Unions:

Saling, Union, Mexico, Bean
Creek, Carter, West Lick, Mt. Car-
mel, Grand Prairie, Washington,
Pleasant Green, Fox, Harmony,
Skull Lick, Palmer, Liberty, Rush
Hill, Mixed Grove, Pleasant Valley,
Eureka, Salt River, Molino, Thomp-
son, Cedar Grove, Pleasant Plains
and Central.

The session was the most harmo-
nious and the best ever held in this
county.

J. N. Cross.

MULES FOR SALE.

I have for sale, 10 miles east of
Mexico, 16 mules 2 years old,